

and maintaining access to a quality and affordable education is central to preserving America's status as the global center for academic research and technological innovation.

If my bill were to pass, it would provide relief to more than 25,000 recent college graduates in my congressional district alone.

Students who have worked hard and played by the rules deserve the peace of mind in knowing that they will not be crushed by the weight of their student loan debt if they are unable to retain gainful employment as soon as they graduate from college.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MARILYN ADAMS

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 18, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of "Farm Safety 4 Just Kids" founder Marilyn Adams, and to express my appreciation for her dedication and commitment in her years of service to the young people of Iowa.

In 1986, Marilyn tragically lost her eleven-year-old son in a farm accident in rural Earlham, Iowa. In dealing with the tragedy, Marilyn saw an opportunity to spare other families from the pain her family had gone through and began Farm Safety 4 Just Kids one year later in 1987. Since founding FS4JK 25 years ago, Marilyn has seen her program educate over six million people across North America on farm safety. Over the course of 25 years,

more than 35,600 volunteers have donated over 280,000 hours of their time to protect the lives of children in the farming community.

Today, FS4JK has more than 120 local chapters across both America and Canada that offer farm safety presentations in their communities. Last year alone, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids held more than 1,100 local events for a staggering 170,000 children. What Farm Safety 4 Just Kids has accomplished in the last quarter-century is nothing short of amazing. But those who know Marilyn won't be surprised to hear that she credits the program's remarkable success to the efforts of her family and her support network that have stood behind her since 1987.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Ms. Adams for her sincere devotion to positively impact the lives of others in her community, state, and country. Marilyn's commitment to a cause greater than herself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans. While Marilyn's daily contribution to FS4JK will surely be missed, she leaves behind an organization stronger than ever with a dedicated staff that are committed to its mission. I know I speak for all of my colleagues in the United States House in congratulating Marilyn, thanking her for her noble efforts, and wishing her a long, happy and healthy retirement as she enters this new chapter of her life.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 18, 2012*

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, May 17, 2012, during a rapid succession of two-minute votes, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Number 265.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the Connolly Amendment No. 6 to H.R. 4310, which passed, by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 412-1. I believe that our allies should keep their commitments, and Pakistan is no different.

Pakistan has been allowing terrorists to hide out within their borders and has not been meeting the certifications put in place by U.S. aid agreements to receive funds through the Department of Defense. In fact, Pakistan has not received Department of Defense funding since June 2010. This continued disregard for our mutual agreements is disconcerting and the U.S. needs to show Pakistan that we do not take our commitments lightly.

The Connolly Amendment ensures that Pakistan will follow through with its commitments and will force them to reconsider closing their borders. We must encourage them to maintain open Ground Lines of Communication and allow the transportation of NATO supplies.

Again, had I not been delayed, I would have voted in support of Connolly Amendment No. 6 to H.R. 4310.